

Claims

1. An apparatus for safeguarding electronic equipment, such as components (701-709) in a computer, provided in a housing, comprising a monitoring internal sensor arrangement (400) in connection with a control means (100), which is fed
5 with measurement data to monitor whether the housing is closed or not,
characterised by
at least one energy provider (205, 210, 300), such as an internal or external power source;
voltage generating means (215), driven by power from the energy provider (205, 210, 300) and controlled by the control means (100);
10 storage means (220), including a capacitor arrangement charged by the voltage generating means (215);
switching means (225), in connection with the storage means (220) being adapted to be controlled by the control means (100); and
15 relayed connections between components (701-709) of the electronic equipment and the switching means (225), particularly chosen to get the electronic equipment irreversibly out of order when initiated by the control means (100) in response to unauthorised opening of the housing.
2. An apparatus according to claim 1, characterised by
20 remote accessibility unit (500) in connection with the micro-controller (100) to feed an air-interfaced signal controlling the operational state of the safeguarding apparatus [remote control] U/A
3. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, characterised by
25 housing sensor means (400) sensing if the housing is unauthorised opened, whereby the housing sensor means (200) is adapted to transmit an indication to the micro-controller (100) when the housing is opened.

4. An apparatus according to anyone of the claims 1-3, characterised by electronic equipment sensing means (400) sensing unauthorised disconnection of at least one component of the electronic equipment (701-709), whereby the electronic equipment (100) is adapted to send a warning signal to the micro-controller (100) when detecting unauthorised disconnection.
5. An apparatus according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterised by identification means, identifying a user and possibly authorising the operator or user after comparison with a register, whereby the electronic equipment is unlocked.
- 10 6. An apparatus according to claim 5, characterised in that said identification means either is a so-called smart card reading means, operating with physical contacting or without physical contacting or a PIN-code reading means or any other human feature recognising means, such as a fingerprint and/or iris recogniser.
- 15 7. An apparatus according to anyone of the claims 1-4, characterised in that said energy provider (205, 210) is an autonomous power supplying means (210), such as a battery, supplying the apparatus with electric power after having been disconnected from an external power source (300).
- 20 8. An apparatus according to anyone of the claims 1-4, characterised in that voltage generating means (215) generates voltage and/or current, which is lead through electronic circuitry, whereby essential electronic components within the circuitry are irreversibly set out of order.
- 25 9. An apparatus according to anyone of the claims 1-4, characterised in that a destruction means (200) is adapted to generate a destructive injection, preferably of a highly conductive and/or corroding chemical fluid, which is distributed over essential electronic components, whereby the components are irreversibly set out of order.

10. An apparatus according to anyone of the claims 1-4, characterised by remote receiving control means (540), by which transmitted remote signals from a remote transmitting control means (520) are received, adapted to take actions in response to instructions given by the micro-controller (100).
- 5 11. A method of safeguarding electronic equipment (701-709) provided in a housing, comprising monitoring internal sensor arrangement (400) in connection with a control means (100), to monitor whether the housing is closed or not and/or whether the electronic equipment is operated by an authorised person, characterised by
- 10 controlling a destruction means (200) by the control means (100), preferably by a micro-controller (100);
- providing the control means (100) with indications from a sensor means (400) for activating the destruction means (200), particularly chosen to set electronic components (701-709) irreversibly out of order when initiated by the control means (100).
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